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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS NIACT IMMEDIATE  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4

TAGS: SREF, PINR, VE, US, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: CARACAS 1094, FRECHETTE-SERGEANT TELCON OF FEB. L

1. YOU SHOULD REMIND HABDAS THAT OUR OVERRIDING CON-  
SIDERATION IS HIS SAFETY. IF HE FEARS THAT THE PURCHASER  
OF HIS CAR WOULD TIP OFF THE POLISH EMBASSY, THEN YOU  
SHOULD ADVISE HIM NOT TO TRY TO RESOLVE CAR SITUATION NOW.

2. ARE THERE OTHER OPTIONS THAT MIGHT PROTECT THE  
FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF HABDAS AND HIS VENEZUELAN BUYER?

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FOR EXAMPLE, WERE HABDAS TO LEAVE VENEZUELA IMMEDIATELY,  
COULD GOV IMPOUND VEHICLE AND PERMIT TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP  
WHEN BUYER IS ABLE TO COME UP WITH BALANCE OF PURCHASE  
PRICE? IT SEEMS TO US THAT HABDAS' GREATEST CONCERN IS  
TO LOSE THE BALANCE OF THE PRICE OF HIS CAR.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES HABDAS' WAVERING AND NERVOUS-  
NESS, REFLECTED IN RECENT TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC, ABOUT THIS  
CONTEMPLATED DRASTIC CHANGE IN HIS LIFE. HOWEVER, DOES  
EMBASSY SEE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT HABDAS' PROCRASTINATION IS  
ANYTHING MORE THAN WORRY ABOUT HOW TO SORT OUT HIS FUTURE?  
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